

April 2005  
CENTRAL COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT



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## Overview

During the month April, the Central Command Experienced an 11% decline in the number of recorded crashes as compared to the previous month. This modest down trend is attributable to the improving weather conditions experienced throughout the command. Of the 104 total crashes, 70 involved property damage, 31 resulted in injuries, and 3 involved fatalities. One additional fatal crash occurred on State Route 266 west of the Lida Junction, and was handled by the Southern Command. Including the fatal crash investigated by Southern Command, a total of four people lost their lives during this reporting period. Commercial vehicle involved crashes also declined by one. Of the 20 commercial vehicle involved crashes, 17 or 85% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

Enforcement activity for the Central Command decreased by 8.3% during April. These decreases were recorded in all enforcement categories, with the most notable occurring in the DUI arrests prior to crash category. Although 43% or 9 fewer DUI arrests were recorded, DUI arrests from crashes declined by 50%.

Commercial Operations personnel conducted 19 fewer inspections of commercial vehicles as compared to March. Despite this decline, 20% more drivers were "placed out of service" indicating the violations discovered during inspections were primarily related to the driver, rather than the vehicle. The number of trucks weighed decreased by 37%, and 3 less overweight citations were issued. Dyed fuel inspections were down by 6% or 27, and no dyed fuel citations were written.

Traffic operations personnel continued to conduct Level 3 Inspections of commercial vehicles. There were 272 inspections recorded during April, down from the 275 completed in March. As a result of these inspections, 154 safety citations were issued, 515 repair orders were given, and 34 drivers were place "out of service."

The decrease in crashes and enforcement activity resulted in decreases within the Communications Center, specifically radio transmissions down 12%, CAD incidents down 11% and telephone calls down 11%.

Although hampered by training assignments, which include the training of 8 new troopers, personnel of the Central Command continued to provide services to the motoring public. As new troopers complete their training in the near future, the command will be better able to address enforcement activities.

May 5, 2005

CENTRAL COMMAND

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

|  | April-05 |  | April-04 | % Change |  | March-05 | % Change |
|--|----------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| Total Crashes                                    | 104      |  | 95       | 9.5%     |  | 117      | -11.1%   |
| Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 70       |  | 57       | 22.8%    |  | 81       | -13.6%   |
| Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]   | 31       |  | 35       | -11.4%   |  | 34       | -8.8%    |
| Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]    | 3        |  | 3        | 0.0%     |  | 2        | 50.0%    |
| DUI Crashes [DUI charged]                        | 2        |  | 2        | 0.0%     |  | 4        | -50.0%   |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes            | 3        |  | 3        | 0.0%     |  | 2        | 50.0%    |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts           | 1        |  | 0        | 100.0%   |  | 0        | 100.0%   |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts        | 0        |  | 1        | -100.0%  |  | 0        | 0.0%     |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts              | 1        |  | 1        | 0.0%     |  | 1        | 0.0%     |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts           | 0        |  | 1        | -100.0%  |  | 1        | -100.0%  |
| Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable | 1        |  | 0        | 100.0%   |  | 0        | 100.0%   |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes       | 20       |  | 23       | -13.0%   |  | 21       | -4.8%    |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle    | 17       |  | 15       | 13.3%    |  | 15       | 13.3%    |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle      | 3        |  | 8        | -62.5%   |  | 5        | -40.0%   |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle       | 0        |  | 0        | 0.0%     |  | 1        | -100.0%  |

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.9%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.9%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 19.2%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes decreased by 11% when compared to March. This is attributed to improving weather conditions which have resulted in fewer weather related crashes.
- Four fatal crashes occurred within the command, and each involved a single fatality. One of the fatal crashes was investigated by the Southern Command, and is being reported in their April Safestat statistics. Of the three remaining fatal crashes which occurred in April. One driver was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, and a fatality occurred in a motorcycle crash where seatbelts were not applicable.
- There were two less alcohol related crashes in April as compared to March. The average BAC was unavailable for those drivers involved in crashes.
- Commercial vehicles involved in crashes declined by 5% or 1 crash. Of the 20 crashes, 17 or 85% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Sixteen crashes occurred on the interstate, and 14 on secondary highways. There were no fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles during April.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

|  | April-05 | April-04 | % Change | March-05 | % Change |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes                         | 2        | 2        | 0.0%     | 4        | -50.0%   |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes              | 12       | 22       | -45.5%   | 21       | -42.9%   |
| Other Arrests                                    | 109      | 192      | -43.2%   | 131      | -16.8%   |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included)            | 55       | 69       | -20.3%   | 63       | -12.7%   |
| Speed violations                                 | 1733     | 1726     | 0.4%     | 1799     | -3.7%    |
| Hazardous moving violations                      | 239      | 205      | 16.6%    | 310      | -22.9%   |
| Occupant restraint violations *                  | 259      | 284      | -8.8%    | 288      | -10.1%   |
| Total violations [above violations included]     | 3043     | 3025     | 0.6%     | 3318     | -8.3%    |
| <b>Commercial Enforcement</b>                    |          |          |          |          |          |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests  | 1        | 28       | -96.4%   | 8        | -87.5%   |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests     | 85       | 7        | 1114.3%  | 63       | 34.9%    |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 471      | 579      | -18.7%   | 490      | -3.9%    |
| Terminal inspections [level 5]                   | 0        | 2        | -200.0%  | 0        | 0.0%     |
| Total safety violations -- citation              | 116      | 127      | -8.7%    | 117      | -0.9%    |
| Total safety violations -- repair order          | 877      | 877      | 0.0%     | 898      | -2.3%    |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"           | 40       | 39       | 2.6%     | 47       | -14.9%   |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service"            | 30       | 25       | 20.0%    | 25       | 20.0%    |
| Total school buses inspected                     | 0        | 5        | -500.0%  | 16       | -1600.0% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service"       | 0        | 0        | 0.0%     | 1        | -100.0%  |
| Total trucks weighed                             | 280      | 52       | 438.5%   | 444      | -36.9%   |
| Total overweight citations                       | 6        | 2        | 200.0%   | 9        | -33.3%   |
| Total dyed fuel inspections                      | 439      | 569      | -22.8%   | 466      | -5.8%    |
| Total dyed fuel citations                        | 0        | 0        | 0.0%     | 0        | 0.0%     |

| Commercial Activity <b>[TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b> |                       |                            |                                |                                 |                       |                     |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|   | Level 2/3 Inspections | Safety Violations Citation | Safety Violations Repair Order | Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | Dyed Fuel Inspections | Dyed Fuel Citations |
|   | #                     | #                          | #                              | #                               | #                     | #                   |
| April-05  | 272                   | 154                        | 515                            | 34                              | 220                   | 0                   |
| March-05  | 275                   | 169                        | 575                            | 38                              | 245                   | 0                   |
| % Change  | -1.1%                 | -8.9%                      | -10.4%                         | -10.5%                          | -10.2%                | 0.0%                |

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Overall enforcement activity decreased by 8.3% or 275 violations when compared to the previous month, but was up by 0.6% from the same period last year. Decreases were noted in all enforcement categories, and have been attributed in part to the on-going PSTO program.
- DUI arrests prior to crashes declined by 9 when compared to March. The average BAC for DUI arrests prior to crashes was .142.
- Commercial Operations personnel conducted 19 fewer inspections for a 3.9% decline. Although the number of inspections declined, drivers placed "Out of Service" increased by 20% indicating the violations discovered during inspections were primarily related to the driver rather than the vehicle.
- The number of vehicles checked for dyed fuel declined by 5.8%. Of the 439 fuel inspections, 148 were conducted on secondary roadways during 170 hours of directed enforcement. No dyed fuel violations were discovered during the month of April.
- Level 3 inspections of commercial vehicles conducted by traffic personnel declined slightly by 3 inspections. With the decline in inspections, there was also a corresponding decline in the number of violations discovered, citations issued, and "drivers placed out of service."



| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES              | April-05 |  | April-04 | % Change |  | March-05 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER                 |          |  |          |          |  |          |          |
| Radio Transmissions                  | 72,697   |  | 74,062   | -1.8%    |  | 82,952   | -12.4%   |
| CAD incidents                        | 9,377    |  | 8,700    | 7.8%     |  | 10,564   | -11.2%   |
| Telephone Calls                      | 10,280   |  | N/A      | #VALUE!  |  | 11,535   | -10.9%   |
| Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]  |          |  |          |          |  |          |          |
| FRONT OFFICE                         |          |  |          |          |  |          |          |
| Accident Reports Processed           | 110      |  | 79       | 39.2%    |  | 92       | 19.6%    |
| Arrest Reports Processed             | 58       |  | 44       | 31.8%    |  | 56       | 3.6%     |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 18       |  | 12       | 50.0%    |  | 20       | -10.0%   |
| COURT / WARRANT                      |          |  |          |          |  |          |          |
| Warrants Received                    | 258      |  | N/A      | #VALUE!  |  | 172      | 50.0%    |
| Warrants Entered                     | 211      |  | 191      | 10.5%    |  | 133      | 58.6%    |
| Warrants Cleared                     | 430      |  | 159      | 170.4%   |  | 270      | 59.3%    |
| Warrants Validated                   | 2271     |  | 2123     | 7.0%     |  | 2096     | 8.3%     |
| Extradition / Transports             | 6        |  | N/A      | #VALUE!  |  | 6        | 0.0%     |
| EVIDENCE                             |          |  |          |          |  |          |          |
| New Cases Submitted                  | 28       |  | 39       | -28.2%   |  | 32       | -12.5%   |
| New Items Submitted                  | 259      |  | 69       | 275.4%   |  | 95       | 172.6%   |
| Items Disposed                       | 0        |  | 29       | -2900.0% |  | 10       | -1000.0% |

## NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- The communications center had a 12.4% decrease in the number of radio transmissions. CAD incidents also declined by 11.2%, as did telephone calls by 10.9%.
- Front office personnel processed 19.6% more accident reports during April. Arrest reports increased by 3.6%, while officer reports were down by 10.0%.
- Warrants received, entered, and cleared all increased by over 50%. Warrants validated increased by 8.3%, with six prisoner transports completed during the month.
- New evidence cases submitted declined by 12.5% as did items submitted by 172.6%. There were no items of evidence disposed of during April.

Contract Service overtime was 557 hours on eleven escorts totaling \$32,415.00.

## ***PERSONNEL***

Effective April 25, 2005, Tellina Mays was promoted to PSDIV.

## ***PUBLIC INFORMATION***

- Drug and Alcohol class at Elko Juvenile Detention Center
- Career Fair at Great Basin College - Elko
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness Class for the Winnemucca Mine Safety Meeting at the Winnemucca Convention Center
- Occupant Protection Class at Spring Creek Elementary School
- Child and Passenger Safety Class at the Battle Mountain Safety Fair, Battle Mountain Convention Center
- Meth Labs and DUI class at the Shoshone Community Improvement Conference.
- Child Passenger Safety Enforcement Class held during the Ely District meeting.
- C.I.S.D. at the Winnemucca Convention Center for Turquoise Ridge Mine.
- Family Vehicle Safety Program Offenders Class held at the DPS/NHP Office in Elko.